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SUBJECT: GVN/ PRG NEGOTIATIONS

REF: SAIGON 3845

1. GVNDEL GAVE NON- ATTRIBUTION PRESS BACKGROUNDER MARCH 9 TO
PRESENT NAMES OF ITS NEGOTIATORS. (REPORTERS WERE WARNED THAT THE
INFORMATION WAS STRICTLY EMBARGOED UNTIL 0100 Z MARCH 10.)

2. LISTING OF NEGOTIATORS WAS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

DR. NGUYEN LUU VIEN	CHIEF OF DELEGATION
NGUYEN XUAN PHONG	DEPUTY CHIEF
NGUYEN PHUONG THIEP	MEMBER
NGUYEN TRIEU DAN	MEMBER AND SPOKESMAN
PROF. NGUYEN NGOC AN	MEMBER
PROF. NGUYEN NGOC HUY	MEMBER
NGUYEN HUU GIAO	MEMBER
DR. TRAN VAN DO	COUNSELOR
TRAN VAN AN	COUNSELOR
PROF. NGUYEN QUOC DINH	COUNSELOR
LAWYER NGUYEN DAC KHE	COUNSELOR

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3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS GVN SPOKESMAN MADE THE FOLLOWING
OBSERVATIONS:

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A. THE DISTINCTION AND HIGH RANK OF THE DELEGATION MEMBERS
INDICATED THE " SERIOUS PURPOSE AND GOOD WILL" OF THE GVN;

B. THE GVN DREW NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN " MEMBERS" AND " COUNSELORS" OF THE DELEGATION;

C. WHILE DOING ITS BEST TO MEET THE GOAL OF COMPLETING TALKS BY APRIL 27, THE GVN DID NOT REGARD THAT AS AN " ABSOLUTE DEADLINE";

D. THE AGENDA HAD NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED, AND THE SEVEN PREVIOUS GVN- PRG MEETINGS HAD BEEN " PURELY PROCEDURAL";

E. THE PRG HAS ASKED FRANCE TO PROVIDE A LOCATION OTHER THAN LA CELLE -- ST. CLOUD FOR THE TALKS, AND THE GVN WILL ACCEPT A CHANGE OF VENUE (BINH HAD DISMISSED THE LA CELLE -- ST. CLOUD FACILITY AS " A CONVALESCENT HOME" -- MOREOVER THE PRG OBJECTED THAT THE PRESS WERE PERMANENTLY BARRED FROM ENTRY BY THE TERMS OF THE WILL BEQUEATHING THE PROPERTY TO THE FRENCH GOVT.);

F. THE GVN PLANS TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCES OR BACKGROUNDEES IN PARIS AFTER EACH MEETING;

G. OUTSIDE THE TALKS THE GVN WILL REFER TO THE PRG DELEGATION AS THAT OF THE " NLF" OR OF " THE OTHER SIDE", AND WILL ADDRESS THE PRG DURING THE TALKS MERELY AS " GENTLEMEN" ;

H. THE NEGOTIATING TABLE WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A HOLLOW RECTANGLE, WITH THE TWO DELEGATIONS SEATED FACING ONE ANOTHER AND THE ENDS OF THE TABLE LEFT VACANT.

4. GVNDL PROVIDED US THIS LIST OF THE PRG DELEGATION:

NGUYEN VAN HIEU

DINH BA THI

NGUYEN THI CHON

LY VAN SAU

NGUYEN PHONG VINH.

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